

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text surrounded by [brackets] relative to the issued patent. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (once amended), (twice amended) (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1, and CANCEL claims 8-10, 15-62, and 67-86, in accordance with the following:

1. (Twice Amended) An automatic setting method in a timer reservation mode for setting a timer reservation in order to carry out a programmed recording in a VCR employing a plurality of reservation modes using a microprocessor,

the method comprising:

an automatic reservation mode setting step in a reservation mode which memorizes the last reserved reservation mode in said microprocessor, and automatically sets the memorized reservation mode at the next reservation, in the case where programmed recordings are carried out by [a]the plurality of reservation modes; and

an automatic time adjustment implementing step for shifting to a time adjusting mode where the current time may be set by a user upon inputting a reservation key and upon selecting a reservation mode, when the current time has not been set.

2. (Once Amended) The automatic setting method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said automatic reservation mode setting step comprises:

a reservation mode fetching [step]sub-step which fetches the memorized reservation mode; and

reservation mode implementing sub-step which automatically reserves the fetched last reservation mode and stores the reserved reservation mode as the last reservation mode into said microprocessor after the completion of the reservation.

3. (Once Amended) The automatic setting method [in a reservation mode] as claimed in claim 1, wherein said automatic time adjustment mode implementing step comprises:

a reservation mode selecting sub-step which displays a menu when said automatic reservation setting mode step has not set the memorized reservation mode or when a

reservation key is pressed twice for another reservation mode and when a reservation mode is selected from said menu, thereafter storing the selected mode into said microprocessor;

a time adjustment mode implementing sub-step which automatically advances to a time adjusting mode to set the current time upon finding that the current time has not been set; and

a memorized reservation mode implementing sub-step which fetches the reservation mode stored at said reservation mode selecting sub-step and performs the fetched reservation mode and stores the reserved reservation mode as the last reservation mode into said microprocessor.

4. (Once Amended) An automatic setting method for setting a timer reservation mode in a VCR to a specific mode from a plurality of possible modes, [including the steps of]comprising:

(a) storing the mode of a currently performed timer operation in a memory;  
(b) reading said mode out of said memory when a next timer operation is performed;  
(c) using the read-out mode as the mode for said next timer operation, wherein said step (c) involves checking to determine which of said plurality of modes is equal to said read-out mode;

(d) displaying a menu of said possible modes when the checking in step (c) has resulted in none of said plurality being equal to said read-out mode; and

step (e) of storing a mode selected by the user from said displayed menu.

5. (Once Amended) The method as claimed in claim 4, further [including a step of]comprising:

(f) [of]automatically shifting to a time adjusting mode for setting the current time when the current time is not already set.

6. (Once Amended) [A]The method as claimed in claim 4, further [including the step of]comprising:

(g) reading out the stored mode at step (e) and performing a timer reservation operation according to read-out mode.

7. (Once Amended) [A]The method [according to]as claimed in claim 6, wherein when a reservation key is pressed twice, said menu is displayed and said steps (e) and (g) are performed.

8-10 (Cancelled)

11. (Once Amended) A method of setting a timer reservation mode in a device having a plurality of reservation modes to a specific mode, the method comprising:  
storing the mode of a currently performed timer operation;  
reading said stored mode when a next timer operation is performed;  
using the read-out mode as the mode for said next timer operation, wherein said using of the read-out mode comprises checking to determine which of said plurality of modes is equal to said read-out mode;  
displaying a menu of said possible modes when the checking has resulted in none of said plurality of modes being equal to said read-out mode; and  
storing a mode selected by the user from said displayed menu.

12. (Twice Amended) The method as claimed in claim 11, further comprising  
automatically shifting to a time adjusting mode for setting a current time when the current time is not already set.

13. (Once Amended) The method as claimed in claim 12, further comprising:  
reading out the stored mode selected by the user and performing a timer reservation operation according to read-out mode selected by the user.

14. (Once Amended) The method as claimed in claim 13, further comprising, in response to another input from the user for another reservation mode, displaying the menu, storing the mode selected by the user, and reading out the stored mode selected by the user.

15-62 (Cancelled)

63. (Once Amended) A computer readable medium encoded with processing instructions for implementing a method of setting a timer reservation mode in a device having a plurality of reservation modes to a specific mode performed by a processor, the method comprising:  
storing the mode of a currently performed timer operation;  
reading said stored mode when a next timer operation is performed;  
using the read-out mode as the mode for said next timer operation, wherein said using of

the read-out mode comprises checking to determine which of said plurality of modes is equal to said read-out mode;

displaying a menu of said possible modes when the checking has resulted in none of said plurality of modes being equal to said read-out mode; and

storing a mode selected by the user from said displayed menu.

64. (Once Amended) The computer readable medium as claimed in claim 63, further comprising automatically shifting to a time adjusting mode for setting a current time when the current time is not already set.

65. (Once Amended) The computer readable medium as claimed in claim 64, further comprising:

reading out the stored mode selected by the user and performing a timer reservation operation according to read-out mode selected by the user.

66. (Once Amended) The computer readable medium as claimed in claim 65, further comprising, in response to another input from the user for another reservation mode, displaying the menu, storing the mode selected by the user, and reading out the stored mode selected by the user.

67 – 86 (Cancelled)